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VIOLET PRICE

VIOLET PRICE, Life staffer, has just returned from a round-the-world trip, in which she spent most of her time in Japan, China, Manchuria, Indonesia, India, Malaya, Egypt, Syria and Britain. She has come back with some constructive ideas about south-east Asia and the Far East in general.

DR. BAREND C. SLOTEMAKER
of the Netherlands

Delegate to the Netherlands Labor Foundation, Dr. Slotemaker heads all of the Foundation's activities. This Foundation is composed of eleven men, four of whom represent organizations embracing practically all employers, with four others representing the three principal trade union federations (83 per cent of organized labor). Three others represent agriculture, retail trade and professional organizations, and the eleventh no particular faction.

Dr. Slotemaker will explain briefly how the labor problems of the Netherlands are handled successfully by the Labor Foundation.

Send in your reservation cards for the luncheon as soon as possible. Fill out the section about news with items of interest to OPC members.

The Secretary wishes to thank the many members of the Overseas Press Club who have given their time, support and information for the club's interest. When they are called for anything from specific news to helping the Correspondents' Fund, to obtaining speakers, or acting as host at the club, they always have given unstintingly of their service. It is in this way that the OPC has been able to accomplish the things it has.

IMPORTANT.....MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, IN THE CLUBROOMS AT 5:45 P.M. Individual notices have been mailed.

There will be a meeting of the Admissions Committee on Monday, September 19th, at 6 P.M., according to HAL BOYLE, chairman.

Barry Bingham, editor of the Louisville-Courier-Journal and now head of the ECA in France, was the guest of honor at the Overseas Press Club party in Paris on August 17th. In this first meeting of the OPC abroad, more than seventy-five members and their guests were present. Members of the Anglo-American Press Club had been invited by ERIC HAWKINS, their secretary-general.

For the information of new members, the Overseas Press Club was founded in 1939 by a number of nostalgic former members of the Anglo-American Press Club of Paris, of which GEOFF PARSONS, JR., editor of the European edition of the New York Herald Tribune is now president; PRESTON GROVER of AP, a vice-president and B. J. PERKINS, Fairchild publications, member of the Board.

The AAPC has about one hundred active members and twenty associate members. There are from sixty to eighty American correspondents in Paris now, although estimates vary. Now meeting at the Restaurant Griffon in the Rue d-Antin, AAPC members for about 800 Francs have a superb luncheon with two kinds of wine. They usually do not know who is going to be the speaker until they arrive around one P.M. The AAPC has no club-rooms but is in itself a "syndicat" for American and British correspondents.

Some of those attending the OPC cocktail party held at the apartment of a founder member, DORA MILLER were: PHILIP WHITCOMB of MacNens News Service; PAUL GHALI of the Chicago Daily News; HAROLD CALLENDER of the New York Times; Robert Enson of the Associated Press; WILLIAM B. KING of UNESCO; Robert Sherrod of Time-Life, Washington; DAVID SCHOENBRUNN of CBS; MARY MARGARET McBRIDE; Harvey Runner of the N.Y. Herald Tribune in New York; Alexander Kendrick of CBS in Vienna; DAVID RICHARDSON of Time-Life, Frankfurt; LT. IRENE TAYLOR from Austria; William J. Humphreys of the N. Y. Herald Tribune office in Paris; CYNTHIA LOWRY; LOREN CARROLL of Newsweek and JACK HALPER, en route to his post in Switzerland for Newsweek; Rosette Hargrove of NEA; FLORENCE GILLIAM; Allen Updegraff; ANNE STRINGER RIES of the New York Times; Pierre Denoyer of Reader's Digest; RUTH LLOYD; THURSTON MACAULEY and DORIS JOHNSTON, etc.etc.

William Tyler, press attache of the U.S. Embassy in Paris and Francois Charles-Roux, press attache of the Quai D-orsay were also guests of honor. Many members and their wives or husbands had not seen each other for ages, so the soiree was a particularly successful and pleasant one which lasted far into the night. When last heard from, some members were having onion soup in Les Halles.

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Many members were on vacation or assignment; some were covering the Council in Strasbourg but a surprising number were in Paris and came for this get-to-together of the OPC. And all sent letters of approval, urging more meetings of the OPC all over the world.

The only American correspondent who has been in the French occupied zone of Germany in the past few years is Delbert Clark, whose new book on Germany is being published this Fall. OPC members in the Frankfurt Press Club (Park Hotel) felt that the OPC party should have been held in Frankfurt, where there are probably more American correspondents than anywhere else in Europe. Correspondents covering Germany have to step lively because they have a lot of territory to cover. Berlin, Frankfurt, Bonn, Wiesbaden, Heidelberg and the British zone are all full of news.

American correspondents expect to become part of the German economy about the end of this year, which means no more Press Club run by the Army (Lt. Robert Hanson, to be precise) and no more Army PX rations. Many correspondents are moving their headquarters from Berlin to Frankfurt. Although news indicates that McCloy will make Bonn his headquarters, most correspondents still hope that it will be Frankfurt. They are planning a Press Club there which will be run for and by American correspondents. All newsmen of countries other than the four occupying powers have already been barred from present Press Club facilities.

Paul Welsh, of the Baltimore Sun, is the PIO of Frankfurt and very much liked. In an August game of baseball between the PROs and the newsmen, the correspondents won by 20 to 18 in an eleven-inning struggle. Up to the present time, American correspondents could not go to German restaurants and were supposed to use American occupation dollars only.

DAVE RICHARDSON of Time-Life says it is probably the water but it is a proven fact that most of the correspondents with wives in Frankfurt have had children within the past few years. Dave has a daughter, Hilary, born in Frankfurt last winter; Alan Dreyfuss, formerly of Stars and Stripes and now with Reuters, had a daughter, Elizabeth Anne; ED HAAKER of NBC has two girls, one named Margaret Elizabeth and the other Marilyn Whitney; Jack Raymond of the New York Times has a boy, David Allen; Ernie Leiser of ONA has a daughter, Lucie; as has Bob Haeger of UP, whose daughter is named Patricia; WES GALLAGHER of AP, has a son, Bryan, and is awaiting another. Dick and Betty O'Reagan (AP) also have a son, Terry. WALTER RUNDLE, United Press Bureau chief, has recently adopted two German children. Ed Hartrich of the N.Y. Herald Tribune has a son, Timothy, quite a crop for Frankfurt's American correspondents.

GAULT MACGOWAN of the New York Sun has a house in Heidelberg which is used by transient journalists as a press club there. GAULT is a letter writing journalist, according to his Frankfurt colleagues and so the first question he asked McCloy was: "What is your address going to be, sir?".....double-edged??????????????

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It is not unusual for correspondents in Germany to go back and forth and to and fro from the main cities in the American occupied zone in search of a story or on the tail of a rumor. HELEN FISHER of United Press reported that Germany was full of visiting firemen for the election. The foreign correspondents were busy covering the elections themselves, and, looking around the Press Club newsroom or bar on the Monday afternoon following the elections, one would have seen a good many exhausted people. HELEN has covered ten since the war so she takes them in her stride.

WANTED: Man to take three weeks trip to Italy and France, gathering some specific news material and taking pictures. All expenses paid plus small fee. Schedule flexible and other assignments possible on trip. Call the Secretary regarding details.

ATTENTION..... The new cable address of the Overseas Press Club of America as registered with the Central Bureau of Registered Addresses is: OPCLUBAM NEW YORK.

CORRECTION: Last week's Bulletin listed SIDNEY HERTZBERG as transferring from Hollywood to New York where he will be editor of Magazine Digest. The person in question is ANDREW HECHT, former West Coast correspondent for Reader's Digest.

Several members of the Overseas Press Club had a cocktail party for LILLIAN GENN in Mexico City at the swanky Del Prado. Note from them urges next OPC party abroad to be south of the border.

LEONARD HARRIS, Prentice Hall, will marry Barbara Fox, of the Sterling Advertising Agency on November 24th.

After September 20th, JOSEPH ISRAELS II will have as his new address: U.S. Correspondent, PIO, USFA, APO 777, Care, Postmaster, New York, which means that he will be stationed in Vienna for Collier's, Variety and NBC.

ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS: Abe Goldberg has been transferred from Prague to the United Nations at Lake Success; Walter Green, fotog, home from Rome on vacation and new assignment; Ed Curtis, Glen Williams and JOHN LLOYD have returned to London after vacations; FRANK BRUTTO is acting as chief of AP Rome Bureau while Charles Guphill is in the States on home leave.

C. B. ORMEROD has returned from the UK and Western Europe after some home leave and the usual Foreign Office refresher course in London.

GORDON GASKILL, European correspondent for the American magazine, has a novel in the September issue of the magazine titled: "The Sharper Sword," a story of Soviet intrigue in the Balkans.

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HENRY ALBERT PHILLIPS returned recently from four months in South America, where he covered the inauguration of President Lopez, interviewed President Peron of Argentina and President Dutra of Brazil.

ANNE MARIE JUNGSMANN has returned from a trip to Ireland, where the native elite found that this American journalist knew more about their history than they did.

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Besides those mentioned above, glimpsed around at the informal Get-together of the OPC at the Frankfurt Press club Bar were: JOHN DORD of Paramount News; DON COOK of the New York Herald Tribune; ARTHUR SEITTEL, Office of Public Information; Kathleen MacLaughlin of the New York Times; EUGENE ENGLISH of Press Wireless; Emlyn Williams of the Christian Science Monitor, etc. There are about seventy correspondents for American news organizations in Frankfurt at the present time and about thirty roving correspondents who get to Frankfurt often. About 375 correspondents from all countries are accredited to the American occupied zone of Germany.

It costs two dollars (in scrip) to stay a night at the Frankfurt Press Club; a continental breakfast is forty cents and dinners run about two dollars. Correspondents seem to prefer sandwiches for lunch.

The services which the Overseas Press Club provides for its members in the United States and overseas were widely discussed with the Secretary by members in Paris and Frankfurt and new ways of providing more were found.

KEYES BEECH, Chicago Daily News Correspondent in Tokyo writes that the Tokyo Press Club has 54 members as of this summer, not including associate members and guest card holders. The TPC has spent almost a million yen for capital improvements. The building has been re-decorated from top to bottom. The dining room, bar and lounge have been done over in bamboo, with Helen Costello, wife of CBS' BILL COSTELLO, deserving all credit for the decor. A library has been installed with a full time librarian and morgue.

Bar Chairman Dick Ferguson of Acme Photos figures that the TPC has enough whiskey on hand to last six years -- at the present rate of consumption, including guest drinkers. There is \$25,000 worth of liquor (only the best) in the cellar, and \$3,500 in the bank. More important than all of this is that the Tokyo correspondents have a five-year lease on the building at the current rental of 60,000 yen a month, including furnishings. At the official rate, this amounts to \$166 a month, which isn't bad for a five-story building in the heart of Tokyo. BEECH says "The Tokyo Press Club is in business to stay."

Which brings the OPC to the fact that the rent of our present quarters in the Times Tower Building is going to be raised about sixty percent by Press Wireless, from whom we sublet the clubrooms. It appears that Press Wireless is having its space in the building increased in rental by about \$40,000 by the New York Times. If the quoted figure goes through, it will require the dues of almost two hundred members to pay for the rent alone of the Overseas Press Clubrooms. This includes the new small room which we rented and furnished this spring.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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